

IN HONOR OF MR. THOMAS A.
WILSON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 4, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Thomas A. Wilson, a cartoon artist whose character, Ziggy, brought joy to people's lives every day.

Mr. Wilson was born on August 1, 1931, in Grant Town, West Virginia and raised in Uniontown, Pennsylvania. He served in the U.S. Army before graduating from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh in the mid 1950s. Mr. Wilson began a nearly forty-year career with Cleveland's American Greetings in 1955. He spent time writing romantic greeting cards and comedic greeting cards for the public. Throughout his stay with American Greetings he served in several different executive roles for the creative department.

In 1971, Mr. Wilson created the character Ziggy and launched a cartoon series featuring this average American character. Ziggy started off as part of a cartoon illustration collection that had no words. The Universal Press Syndicate worked with Mr. Wilson to put words into the animation and bring Ziggy to life. He worked with the Universal Press Syndicate until he formed Ziggy and Friends. In 1987, Mr. Wilson gave control of his comic strip, Ziggy and Friends, to his son and fellow cartoonist Tom M. Wilson. Ziggy cartoons continue to be published in more than 500 newspapers throughout the country and enjoyed by millions.

The Cleveland Museum of Art has honored Mr. Tom A. Wilson by exhibiting his artwork. Mr. Wilson has also had his artwork shown in the Society of Illustrations and the Butler Institute of Art.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the life and achievements of Mr. Tom Albert Wilson. I offer my condolences to his wife, Carol; son, Tom; two daughters, Ava and Julianne; and five grandchildren.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES FLEMING
DAVIDSON, JR.

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to James Fleming Davidson, Jr. who passed away peacefully on his 86th birthday. James was a pillar of the community in Riverside, California and he will be deeply missed.

Jim was born on October 26, 1925, the son of James F. Davidson, Sr. and Irene Reid. He attended Magnolia Elementary, Central Middle School, and Poly High School. At 17, he enlisted in the United States Navy and served on a destroyer escort during World War II.

After the war, Jim enrolled at the University of California at Berkeley where he received a Bachelor of Science degree and was a member of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity. Upon graduation he returned to his native Riverside and joined his father in the prominent local Civil Engineering firm of J.F. Davidson Associates.

The firm later grew to include five offices and three hundred employees. He also oversaw the expansion of Riverside Blueprint and founded R.B. Graphics and Prefect Impressions, as well as many other successful business ventures including J.F. Davidson Investments. He faithfully went to the office until weeks before his passing.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, James was a citrus grower, avid gardener and sports fan. Jim loved the ocean and spent many happy hours deep sea fishing. He demonstrated his leadership in the community and served as President of the Riverside Rotary Club, Riverside Chamber of Commerce, and the Riverside Community College Foundation. In addition, he was Chair of the Cancer Society Great American Smoke Out and numerous other boards and organizations.

James is survived by his wife of 22 years, Gerri Bredemann Davidson, and her sons; Michael and William Bredemann. Jim's children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren include; Charlotte Davidson (Tony Adler) of Los Angeles, her children; Caroline Dehe (Dr. Saahil Mahta) and Jim's first great-granddaughter; Uma Elvetia Mahta, of London, England, and James Dehe (Karen DeSouza) of Bombay, India; Ian James Davidson, Liam Davidson of Riverside; Hannah Davidson of Portland, Oregon, and Sarah Davidson-Amici (Robert Amici), Dario and Caterina Amici of Riverside; his first wife, Gretchen Holstein Davidson, his sister Eileen Shamel, and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents and his sister Charlotte Davidson Nickel.

On Saturday, November 5, 2011, a memorial service celebrating James' extraordinary life will be held at the first Congregational Church in Riverside. James will always be remembered for his incredible work ethic, generosity, and love of family. His dedication to his work, family and community are a testament to a life lived well and a legacy that will continue. I extend my condolences to James' family and friends; although James may be gone, the light and goodness he brought to the world remain and will never be forgotten.

HONORING GUY CROWDER

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Guy Crowder, who passed away on October 30, 2011 at the age of 72 surrounded by his mother, his wife and his son.

Guy Crowder was a giant in the Los Angeles community—a great photographer, businessman, and mentor to many aspiring black photographers whom he hired at his studio, "Guy's Photography."

Guy's work is not only cherished by a grateful Nation, but by my family in particular. In addition to his greater-known works, Guy captured moments of deep personal significance to me. I will forever treasure the photos of my father, L.A. County Supervisor Kenny Hahn. His photographs chronicled my father's career and I will forever be grateful his beautiful work. Even after his health began failing and he was confined to a wheelchair, he made it a point

to come pay his respects at my mother's funeral.

Born Aug. 9, 1939 in Beaumont, Texas, Guy R. Crowder moved with his parents—Guy Rufus Crowder and Ruby (Crowder) Jones—to Los Angeles in 1945. He attended Chorton-Pollard Elementary, Enterprise Junior High and Centennial High schools. He graduated from Harbor College and completed photography courses at Trade-Technical College.

Beginning in the 1960s, Guy was present to record the trials and triumphs of black Angelenos for close to five decades. Taking pictures for the Los Angeles Sentinel, the various Wave newspapers, and Johnson Publications' Jet and Ebony magazines, he was there to capture the glory days of Muhammad Ali and the 1965 riots in Watts. Despite being shunned by the mainstream periodicals of the time, he won virtually every award and honor available to a photojournalist. Guy Crowder's work will forever be part of the American memory.

I extend my deepest condolences to his loving 93-year-old mother; his wife, Patricia, to whom he was married for 51 years; a son, Reginald, and four grandchildren: Reanna, Renise, Ryan and Reggina.

VOTER SUPPRESSION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to share the following remarks for the Special Order organized by Congresswoman MARCIA FUDGE on voter suppression on the night of Tuesday, November 1, 2011:

Let me thank Congresswoman FUDGE for her leadership in protecting our democracy and the bedrock of our country: the right to vote.

We are here tonight to sound the alarm because make no mistake about it: the fundamental right to vote, which is at the heart of our democracy, is under attack.

Republican legislators and governors are proposing partisan laws that require voters to show a government-approved photo ID before voting.

I came to this floor after the stolen Presidential election in Florida and Ohio to protest the results of those two elections that were filled with voter suppression.

It worked for the Republicans before, and so legislators in 42 states in our map of shame have doubled-down on these strategies to make it harder for certain communities to vote.

These proposals would disenfranchise 21 million Americans, over one-in-ten eligible voters in America, who do not have adequate identifications.

It is no coincidence that a disproportionate number of these affected voters come from communities of color, as well as the poor, the elderly, and students.

Fully one in four otherwise qualified African Americans would be unable to vote under these voter-ID laws.

In my home state of California, a Voter ID bill was introduced to suppress voter participation. It would cost \$26 just to get the required documents to qualify for a government issued ID.